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WASHINGTON -- SENATOR EUGENE J. MCCARTHY, D-MINN., CALLED TODAY FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

HIS MOVE COULD SET OFF A SENATE FIGHT.

HE TOLD A REPORTER THAT UNLESS THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE UNDERTAKES SUCH A STUDY ON ITS OWN, HE WILL SEEK A SHOW-DOWN VOTE IN THE COMMITTEE ON A FORMAL RESOLUTION PROPOSING SUCH AN INQUIRY.

MCCARTHY SAID HE WILL INTRODUCE A SENATE RESOLUTION NEXT WEEK PROPOSING "A FULL AND COMPLETE INQUIRY" BY THE COMMITTEE WITH RESPECT TO THE EFFECTS OF OPERATIONS OF THE CIA "ON THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES."

HE ADDED THAT THIS RESOLUTION WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER CALLING FOR AN INQUIRY BY A BLUE-RIBBON COMMITTEE MADE UP OF SENATORS FROM FOREIGN RELATIONS AND OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES TO GIVE THE SENATE A CHOICE.

THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS THE SENATE, IS DIVIDED OVER THE ADVISABILITY OF INVESTIGATION THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ULTRA-SECRET AGENCY. THE COMMITTEE, MCCARTHY SAID, HAS DISCUSSED A STUDY, BUT HAS MADE NO DECISION.

ITS CHAIRMAN, SENATOR J. W. FULBRIGHT, D-ARK., HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT CRITICAL OF THE CIA'S OPERATION IN WHAT HE REGARDS AS FOREIGN POLICY FIELDS. BUT HE HAS TAKEN NO PUBLIC POSITION ON SUCH A STUDY, AND SAID TODAY HE HAS "NOT PROPOSED SUCH AN INQUIRY."

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SENATOR GEORGE D. AIKEN, R-VT., A SENIOR REPUBLICAN ON THE COMMITTEE, TOLD A REPORTER HE HAD NO COMMENT OTHER THAN TO SAY "IF IT IS DECIDED TO TAKE SUCH ACTION, I'D ANTICIPATE VERY VIGOROUS ACTION FROM THE ADMINISTRATION" TO FORESTALL AN INQUIRY.

TWO SELECT GROUPS -- ONE IN THE SENATE AND ANOTHER IN THE HOUSE -- NOW RIDE HERD

ON THE CIA. THE SENATE IS MADE UP OF TOP DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS ON THE ARMED SERVICES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES.

ITS NEWEST MEMBER, SENATOR STUART SYMINGTON, D-MO., SAID LAST WEEK THAT HE HAS FOUND NO EVIDENCE THAT THE SPY AGENCY IS AN INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT, AS SOME CRITICS HAVE CHARGED.

REPORTING ON A RECENT INSPECTION TRIP HE MADE OF CIA ACTIVITIES ABROAD, SYMINGTON SAID HE FOUND "NO INSTANCES OF ANY KIND WHERE CIA ACTIVITIES WERE UNCONTROLLED, OR CONTRARY TO U. S. POLICY."

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